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## *Household Hazardous Waste Collection at NIH Canceled*

One of the consequences of the terrorist attacks on September 11th is that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has heightened security and canceled the household hazardous waste (HHW) collection originally scheduled for November 17th. It has been rescheduled for the following day, November 18th, at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

Seldom is anything of deadly toxicity brought to our HHW collections. Always, caution is exercised. Dozens of trained specialists of the firm Safety Kleen are on hand to prepare HHW for transportation to areas where they are dealt with. Volunteers are never close enough to be at risk from a spill or an accident. Volunteers mostly direct traffic within the parking lots where the collections are held. They sometimes ask questions for a survey of participants. Usually they provide written or oral information about such topics of concern as disposal of latex paint and alkaline batteries (both of which can be disposed of legally and respon-

sibly in the regular trash). Businesses that might use highly toxic or dangerous chemicals are excluded from these collections and are encouraged to make use of the county's EcoWise program.

Sometimes potential volunteers may be scared off by the term "hazardous" when we talk about household hazardous waste. But be assured that our county and this program will never put a volunteer in any danger. HHW items can run the gamut from combustible to poisonous, but there are special methods of collection for such items as asbestos, radioactive materials, medical wastes, and explosives, and these items are not allowed at our HHW collections. These items are infrequently of household origin anyway.

The three remaining collections for 2001 are all scheduled at the Transfer Station at Route 355 and Shady Grove Road. They will be held on Sundays, when the truck entrance to the facility is open only for cars and privately owned trucks bringing HHW. Collections run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., rain or

shine. Items accepted include insecticides; herbicides; pesticides; fertilizers with herbicides; paint thinners and solvents; swimming pool chemicals; corrosive household cleaners; unwanted fuels; photographic chemicals; oil-based paints; button batteries (those containing mercury, silver oxide, or zinc); special batteries, such as nickel-cadmium (NiCd), lithium, and rechargeable batteries; fluorescent light bulbs; and mercury-containing items, such as thermometers and thermostats. Latex paint continues to be collected, although our efforts to educate the public that it is nontoxic and can be allowed to dry up and may be disposed of in regular garbage collection seem to be getting through to county residents.

Collection of nontoxic paint is bankrupting many HHW programs throughout the country. It costs Montgomery County dearly to collect and dispose of latex paint. Good public relations are jeopardized when the message must be delivered to well-meaning, but misinformed citizens that they are

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## *Volunteers Needed for America Recycles Day*

America Recycles Day is one of the few events in which we participate that is planned and executed by Montgomery County's Department of Solid Waste Services. This is the one day when we need more volunteers on a single day than at any other time of the year. This year we will celebrate the day at 850 Hungerford Drive (Rt. 355) at the Montgomery County Public Schools' property. A shuttle will run to the Transfer Station for tours of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Volunteers are needed to explain the exhibits in the

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## News Brief



### Recycling at Butler's Orchard

Butler's Orchard in Germantown held its annual Fall Festival in October. Requested by Ms. Angela Butler, 12 blue bins with signs were dropped off and four pick-ups of recycling were provided. A total of 550 pounds were collected. The interest and determination of the Butlers is the kind of progressiveness that will help get the public used to expecting recycling at events.



### Computer Recycling

We wish to thank the MarketPro Computer Show and Sale for allowing us to exhibit, free of charge, at their recent show and sale at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. We represented computer recycling at the two day fair and were quite pleased at the fine location we were given, and the overwhelming response of the public.

We have dealt with the collection agency, Computer Donation Management, since March 2000. Their commitment to recycling continues to impress us. Computers, which are useable or repairable, are donated to needy causes in the United States and in Third World countries. Computers too old, or those that are broken, have the precious, as well as the dangerous metals reclaimed and recycled. As far as precious metals, computers contain gold, silver and copper. Dangerous metals include mercury, lead and cadmium. Other recyclable items include rubber, glass and plastic. About 14.2% of their content is very recyclable aluminum.

Computers are now collected in an open-ended trailer, 359 days a year. Many tons are collected each month. The total for 2000 was 63.71 tons. Tonnage for 2001 (through September) is already 196.24 tons, with a whopping 37.32 tons in July 2001. Receipts for tax purposes can be picked up from attendants managing the drop-off area. They will be blank receipts. The value of a working computer is up to the citizen donating the item to assign.



### Recycling at Events

It is the title of a Guide that we requested and received from a group called Recycling Advocates. It is also something that we have been doing lately at any event where the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program was in attendance.

The Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program has pioneered recycling at events, such as the County Agricultural Fair, Burtonsville Day, Taste of Bethesda, Latin American Heritage Day, Germantown Oktoberfest, Kentlands Oktoberfest, and many more. It makes more sense for our group to promote recycling if recycling alternatives are provided at the event.

Our goal is to recycle at any event that does not provide recycling alternatives for the public, exhibitors and vendors. To accomplish this goal we need more than ever the help of our volunteers. Many of you have already helped setting up recycling containers, promoting recycling at an event and monitoring all garbage and recycling containers during the event.

If you belong to a group who is organizing an event or you know about an event that is going to happen and they are not planning recycle, let us know. We can provide more than 100 blue bins with visible signs. For more information call 301-840-2852.

## Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, a part of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services, encourages environmental stewardship through its public outreach on waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Volunteers provide County residents with practical solutions to their waste-related concerns. In educating themselves and others, MR/C volunteers stimulate thoughtful and effective action towards sound environmental practices which protect our shared environment and help the County achieve its goal of 50% recycling.

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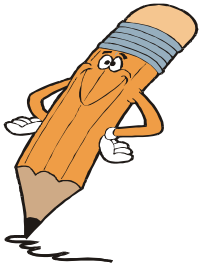
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## A Note to You



Our last edition of the Recycleletter was prepared and mailed shortly before the atrocious attack on America that occurred on September 11th. Our sorrow is still fresh and strong for all the victims of this inexcusable offense. Our sympathies are extended to all who lost loved ones. We admire and are very proud of all the heroes who gave, or were willing to give, their lives in the recovery efforts.

It is now two months later, but that infamous day will remain on our collective consciousness for many years to come. As our country prepares to face an enemy different from any we've encountered before, I think back to the war effort of the '40's, when the United States rallied to provide for our service personnel fighting the Second World War. During that war, recycling became something citizens could do on the home front. Metals and rubber tires were recycled in great quantities, and if I recall my history correctly, so were silk stockings. The government encouraged recycling because there was no time to waste mining and manufacturing new products. We made new products from the old, and no doubt this contributed to our victory. No one would suggest that recycling is as important as, and certainly not more important than, the war effort. However, as we are getting back to the normal routine of our lives, I have developed even greater respect for our volunteers who have continued to assist at events to promote recycling and composting in this county.

We should never forget to pursue what is important to us individually. In fact, getting involved is a good remedy for the helplessness that many people felt after the terrorist attacks. "America the Beautiful" still needs us to represent her and preserve her resources, for is it not the very land that we rely on, the clean air, pure water, and fertile soils that have contributed to the quality of our now-threatened way of life?

We really do live in the greatest country on earth. As we have seen in the recent huge outpouring of unity for country and community, we are all working together to make changes for the better.

God bless our troops, our leaders, and our citizens.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection at NIH Canceled

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bringing a nontoxic item to a special collection for toxic chemical products.

The dates for these collections are as follow: November 4th, November 18th, and December 2nd. A Safety Kleen employee will be stationed at the NIH entrance at Route 355 on November 17th to inform residents not aware of the cancellation. The rescheduling of the collection at the Transfer Station on the following day will not, it is hoped, be an inconvenience.

We hope that county residents will not avoid our collections because of some unrealistic or imagined concerns. We need to collect these items, which tend to sit unused on shelves in garages and basements

for years and should not be disposed of in the trash, where they will wind up being incinerated at our Resource Recovery Facility in Dickerson. HHW collections are an important and very expensive service provided free to county residents. We wish to continue them in the upcoming years. We have always conducted and will continue to conduct our HHW events with public safety and environmental health as our primary concerns.



## America Recycles Day

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exhibit hall, run the elevator for disabled visitors, patrol the catwalk, represent composting at our demonstration site, greet visitors at the MRF, direct traffic, assist at exhibits on recycling, composting, "Closing the Loop," (that is, buying recycled products), and household hazardous waste collection, sign visitors up for blue bin delivery, help children with craft projects, demonstrate papermaking, wear the Digger costume, help with set up and clean up, and more. It is our busiest day and we need your help. Opportunities to assist are open for experienced and inexperienced volunteers.

The event will run rain or shine from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please respond as soon as possible as this event is an endeavor of major importance to the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program and the Recycling Division of Montgomery County's Solid Waste Services.

Hope you can make it!

## Environmental Shopping

I was asked to write an article on environmental shopping and as I was trying to think about the topic I kept coming to the word economy. It is the word that comes to mind when we think of environmental shopping! For instance, food in bulk is generally a lot cheaper. Large containers such as 39 oz. cans of coffee (which can be divided into small cans to keep in the freezer) are usually more economical than individual small cans. I avoid triple-packaged products which tend to be more expensive.

A good way to shop environmentally is to take your own shopping bags with you. Usually I take three, but also a bunch of bananas does not need a bag. A large bag of potatoes or jug of milk does not need a bag. Small items usually go into my purse.

At a yard sale I attended recently I noticed a lot of yarn and knitting needles. Ask-

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## *Suggestions for a Greener Laundry*

We all wear clothes. We all want our clothes to be clean. But are we cleaning the life out of our laundry? Chances are good that when cleaning clothes, less is more; that is, less detergent, less powerful agitating, and less frequency of washing items that are not really dirty will mean more life for the garments we launder. This raises the question, just how dirty are our clothes?

Mostly we need to freshen our clothes. Dust and perspiration can be eliminated with the use of borax, baking soda, or white vinegar without the need to use detergent at all.

Detergents were formulated for use with the synthetic materials that first began to appear in clothing after World War II. Detergents were made to dissolve easily and rinse cleanly. The soaps that people had used for decades left soap residue—just like the “soap scum” we find in the bathtub. Laundry soaps are very hard to find these days, but if you wear any 100-percent-cotton clothes, then you will find laundry soap to be preferable to detergent for cleaning.

I always read, but rarely follow, the directions on detergents exactly. Cleaning products tend to recommend using more of the product than is necessary. If we cut down on the amount of detergents we use, WSSC will have an easier job of purifying our water for reuse or release. We can save money and water by making some simple changes in our behaviors.

Here are some suggestions you may wish to try:

Purchase new appliances only when you need them. Purchase ones that save water and energy.

Do full loads of laundry whenever possible to save water and energy.

Wear clothes a second time or two if you can.

Use a lint trap on the discharge hose and in the utility tub drain to avoid blockage in your pipes.

Use a small amount of detergent and supplement with borax or baking soda.

Wash clothes on the delicate cycle to avoid over agitating. Through gentle washing, your clothes will get clean and fresh and lose less of their fiber.

Presoak and/or pretreat stains. Use a safety pin to mark where a stain is. Stains

are sometimes hard to see on a wet garment, but drying an item with a stain still on it may set it in permanently.

Air-dry anything you can by hanging it on an outdoor or indoor clothesline. Beware of bright sunlight, which can fade colors of laundry hung outdoors. At any temperature above freezing, clothes will dry just fine outdoors. Hanging clothes indoors may increase humidity, so a dehumidifier may be useful during the summer. In winter the extra humidity in the air can be beneficial. Dry clothes on the gentlest, coolest cycle available to avoid loss of fiber. (That lint trap full of dryer lint is the thickness of your clothes diminishing.) Air-dried clothes can be tumbled with a piece of dryer sheet for a short while to eliminate wrinkles and soften the fabric. Use parts of dryer sheets instead of whole sheets, and reuse until the chemicals they contain are spent. This will minimize the amount of chemicals on your clothes and save money on dryer sheets.

Experiment with oxygen cleaners and substitute them for bleach, whenever possible. Try ionizing discs and alternative enzyme cleaners if you can afford them.

Avoid cleaners and/or dryer sheets with strong fragrances. These may cause allergic reactions to you or others. They also mask the smell of clean, fresh clothes.

Avoid using bleach. Remember: If you can smell the bleach on your white garments, they should have been rinsed more thoroughly. Try not to associate the smell of bleach with cleanliness. Bleach is a dangerous toxic chemical formula that leaves residue after laundering. Try a bleach alternative, such as sodium hexametaphosphate (available through chemical supply companies). Consider using colored sheets on your bed. Wear colored underwear and shirts so as to have fewer garments needing “whiter whitening.”

Wash new garments before wearing to remove residues of sizing and finishes.

Avoid polyester/cotton blend permanent press clothes, especially bed sheets that have been treated with formaldehyde (although it may not be stated on the label, you can trust that no-iron, wrinkle-free, shrinkproof clothes have been treated with a formaldehyde finish). The finish does not wash out, but can be considerably reduced in strength by prewashing. Still, beware, because even “easy care” and “no-iron” 100-percent-cotton items

have formaldehyde finishes. Read the labels, but understand that the law does not require manufacturers to disclose all the particulars.

Experiment with dry cleaning alternatives. Manufacturers often put a “Dry-Clean Only” label in a garment to protect themselves from your ruining the garment through home laundering. Take responsibility and do the research necessary to clean items at home rather than send them to dry cleaners. If you must dry-clean an item, choose a “wet-cleaner” or any of the growing number of commercial cleaning companies that use alternatives to perchloroethylene (perc). Items dry-cleaned with perc should be taken out of plastic bags and aired out outdoors for up to a week to remove the fumes, which linger and are concentrated when packaged in plastic bags. Even cotton clothes are made from a fiber that requires high use of fertilizer and pesticides. Buy organically grown cotton clothes and then fire up the old iron. Few people enjoy ironing, but it is the perfect activity to accompany television watching.

Hemp fiber is not allowed to be grown in the United States, yet it is versatile and durable and requires little or no fertilizer and pesticides to grow well. Because it is related to an illegal substance, current law prevents Americans from farming it. It may well be time to change our laws, as other countries are growing hemp and manufacturing clothes made of hemp, which they can sell in our country, while our farmers and manufacturers are not allowed to compete. Write to your congressional representatives.

Lastly, there is a saying, “You are what you eat.” Whereas this may be true, people’s perceptions of us may be based on what we wear. So “You are what you wear” may be a more appropriate saying. Show others by what you wear that you are concerned about the toxic effects of laundering and dry cleaning.

Let them know how you clean your clothes. Use the most benign chemicals you can to clean your clothes. Let the manufacturers of garments in this country and throughout the world know what you prefer by buying clothes that represent your values. And whatever you wear, wash it in the gentlest way you can.

You too can turn your laundry green.

-Jim Welch



## Volunteer Meeting

**November 14, 2001**

It's been over two years since we've had a volunteer meeting. It is time to have one again. We need to discuss our successes, observe our limitations, and recognize our potential improvements. Ours is a genuine volunteer effort – unique in our county and country. Your comments, questions and complaints are important to us. Let's gather together to propose ideas and suggestions for improvement. Just bring yourself, perhaps a friend, and we'll supply the refreshments.

The volunteer meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Rd (Rt. 355).

Ours is a program of dedicated county citizens, interested in improving life in Montgomery County by increasing understanding of recycling and composting. We need the input of our volunteers to determine our direction in the upcoming year. We live in one of the most progressive counties in our nation. Still, the future success of our volunteer program depends on the volunteers themselves.

Please come to our meeting and contribute all you can. RSVP's are not necessary. Your participation is, however, crucial. Looking forward to seeing you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program appreciates the many hours of help it receives. September and October activities included these events:

During the first week of September we had the privilege of having **Yuko Watika**, a college intern from Japan, assist us for a week. That same week a group of students from the Bullis School in Potomac came to the office to do some volunteer work. Yuko coordinated the efforts of the students, who participated in three group activities. These were sifting and bagging compost samples, cleaning the interior of the Recyclemobile, and making paper samples to use at festivals where we demonstrate papermaking. (Because of drying time we can seldom send home recently made paper, so they made us a store of dry and finished samples.) Thanks to **Yuko and Lizzie Abrams, Ashley Foulger, Jay Gorman, Erica Hunt, Jerome Johnson, David Logwood, Jackie McKinney, Nofi Mojidi, Michael Parsons, Nathan Sahni, Alan Schwartzbeck, Greg Sussman, Jason Zell** and their teachers **Dr. Melissa Chang, and Mrs. Tina Zazaris-Davis.**

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Poolesville Day and Parade were held. Thanks to **Gail Shultie** for donning the Digger costume. **Steven Shultie** assisted. That afternoon, **Liz Bullock** came to help even though she had the flu. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, an HHW collection at the Transfer Station was assisted by **Bob Mabie, Joe Connor, Denice Etheridge, Jamaal Williams, Andres Zavala, Kayla Richmond, and Yuko Wakita.**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, W/E team leader **Molly Calloway** attended the HHW collection in Germantown. She brought three volunteers with her. The next day, **Nancy Burkhardt** worked the whole day at Olde Towne Day in Gaithersburg. At the Latin American Heritage Day in Wheaton, **Juan Zavala** earned some student learning service credit hours for his participation.

On the 29<sup>th</sup>, Bernadine Dadey assisted the 11th annual Burtonsville Day celebration. Bernadine must also be acknowledged for visiting a new development near her home and distributing recycling information to the builders to give to the new occupants.

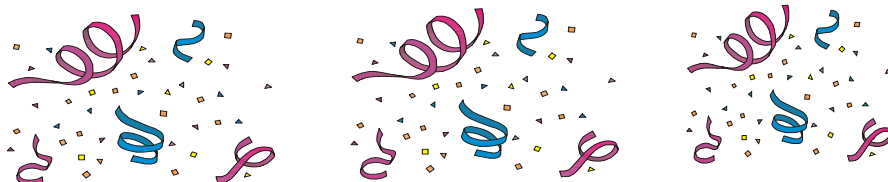
On October 6<sup>th</sup>, we had two events running. One was the Harvest Festival at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood. Thanks to **Janice, Allen, and Levin Browne.** New volunteer, **Ambar LaForgia**, along with **Andres Zavala** wore the Digger the Worm costume. Andres' friend **Ricardo Gomez** also assisted. At Taste of Bethesda, **Tony Cammarota** and **Kenneth Angell** assisted us. (Thanks again Ken for finding a firefighter to retrieve my favorite recycling cap from the storm drain! - Jim)

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, there was an HHW collection at the Transfer Station. **Bob Mabie, Joe Connor,** and new volunteers **Marta Davidson** and **Carol Russ** were on hand to help that event run smoothly. The same day we attended the Olney Fall Festival where **Martha Merenda, Hilary Matthews** and **Pat Purcell** were on hand to staff the Recyclemobile. Hilary and Pat also worked the late shift and helped collect the recyclables.

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, the Audubon Naturalist Society held their annual bird seed sale. **Dan Innamorato** and **Thomas Galloway** presented composting demonstrations and provided recycling information. The next day, Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, we had the Recyclemobile at the Kentlands Octoberfest. Thanks to **Caroline Levenson, Barbara Zellers, and Donna Myers** for assisting.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, an HHW collection at Briggs Chaney was assisted by **Heidi Johnson, Carole Sippel** and W/E volunteers **Jasmine Pace, Sally Magpantey, Diu Bach** and team leader **Mark Bach.** (Mark is in the Naval Reserve and was recently called to service. Our best wishes to you, Mark!)

As usual, **Diane Reinke** edited our major articles. We always appreciate her help.





# Transforming Autumn Leaves Into Healthy Lawns

Autumn is perhaps the most mellow and reflective season. Shorter days encourage reading in the evening, while crisp air and colorful vistas invite weekend hikes and trips to the countryside. Regrettably, too many people waste their precious weekends raking leaves into piles or shatter the quiet peace of sunny afternoons with leaf blowers. There is a better solution.

Rather than trying to rid your lawn of fallen leaves, consider leaving them where they are. It is nature's way to recycle, after all. Certainly no one is raking up and bagging the leaves that fall in wooded parks and forests. Given a bit of time, worms, bacteria and other organisms transform the leaves into rich humus, which will continue to feed trees, shrubs and other plants year after year for millennia.

Your yard is an extension of the same natural process. Trees around your property draw nutrients and minerals from the soil, converting those elements into new leaves and branches. By raking up those leaves, you essentially short-circuit the natural cycle by which nutrients are returned to the soil. After a number of years, the soil will lose its fertility. In fact, carting off leaves and grass clippings is akin to strip mining, ultimately affecting the health of everything you are trying to grow.

Spreading costly fertilizers on your lawn may restore some nutrients, but not all the vital minerals and organic matter needed for healthy, vigorous plants. Leaves, on the other hand, contain all the nutrients and micronutrients your lawn needs. The trick is getting those leaves back into the soil without smothering the lawn in the process.

Enter the lawnmower. For the past 10 years, almost all new lawnmowers sold have been mulching mowers. After decades of bagging clippings, most homeowners have learned that "grasscycling" lawn clippings when they mow is best. Clippings left in place quickly decompose and provide nutrients to keep the lawn healthy.

Your lawnmower can do double-duty as a leaf mulcher. Mower blades shred whole leaves into small pieces, about one-tenth their original size. Your once-daunting bounty of leaves will disappear into a thin layer of tiny particles easily digested by

worms and bacteria. In fact, a healthy earthworm population is capable of dragging a one-inch layer of organic matter down into their underground burrows within a few months. Unseen by human eyes, they are diligently loosening and enriching the soil, and feeding the roots of the lawn – for free. Think of your mower as a food processor for worms!

Begin your regimen of leaf mulching by setting the mower to a normal three-inch height. Remove bagging attachments and block off the chute on a rear-discharge machine. Run your mower over the lawn while walking slowly, giving the mower blades time to shred the leaves.

Note that mower-mulching works best when leaves are relatively dry and no more than one-inch deep. Do not wait until every last leaf has fallen before getting started.

If your mower has a side discharge chute, you probably will want to begin on the lawn's outside perimeter, blowing the chopped leaves onto unmowed areas, and continue mowing inward. This will keep the leaf particles on the lawn, and even allow you to mow over them a few more times.

Some savvy gardeners like to direct the discharge of shredded leaves into ground cover areas or under foundation plantings, where organic matter is also welcome.

If your first pass over the lawn leaves a significant quantity of whole leaves, go back over the leaves while mowing at a right angle to the first cut, perhaps walking even slower. Leaves take more work than grass, especially if they are somewhat damp.

There are other options and uses for some of your shredded leaves. For example, if your mower has a bagging attachment, you might apply the shredded material as a mulch, two to four inches thick, under trees and shrubs. Do not pile the mulch directly against tree trunks.

Shredded leaves may be applied to other planting beds, such as perennial borders and herb gardens. Avoid applying mulch until after the first hard freeze. A two to three inch mulch layer will help maintain a uniform soil temperature through the winter and protect tender root systems.

The mulch blanket will prevent frost upheaval caused by frequent thawing and

refreezing, which is especially damaging to bulbs, tuberous flowers and some half-hardy perennials.

The leaf mulch will feed your plants by recycling nutrients, conserve soil moisture during dry spells and prevent the emergence of weeds.

You can place shredded leaves to a compost pile or bin. The smaller leaf particles decompose in about 75 percent of the time required by whole leaves, and you can add an astonishing volume of shredded leaves into the bin, which is useful for properties with numerous mature trees. In addition, if you find you are cutting some grass while running over the leaves, you probably are creating the perfect blend of materials to ensure an effective, fast-working compost pile.

Your shredding efforts may even reward you with nutrient-rich compost ready for use in the spring.

-Joe Keyser

\*Copied from GreenMan column in Gazette issue dated Wednesday, October 24, 2001

## Environmental Shopping

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ing the woman what she planned to do with them if they were not sold, she said she would likely throw them in the trash. I know there are people who knit for the homeless, therefore, I asked this woman to donate them to this organization. Other items I obtained from yard or estate sales are blankets that were not sold, were generously given to me. These I wash and when we have our annual blanket collection at my church I am very generous with clean blankets. Right now I have nine perfectly good blankets for the homeless.

I have a family cottage and I recycle small and sometimes large items I purchase at yard and estate sales for this home. It saves me a lot of money and I get a lot of use out of the recyclables I purchase in this way – another form of recycling? You bet!

-Bernadine Dadey

# Recycling References

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood 301-840-2370  
(Route 355 & Shady Grove Rd.)

### PUBLIC UNLOADING FACILITY

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;  
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Truck Hours, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance if you are dropping off materials in a truck.)

*Accepts mixed glass bottles and jars, cans, and all plastic bottles with necks, all paper, all cardboards, antifreeze, waste oil, auto batteries, oil (5gallon limit per trip), tires (maximum of 4 per trip), and yard trim.*

### DON'T DUMP, DONATE!

At Public Unloading Facility

*Accepts unused or used building materials in usable condition, such as: lumber, cinderblocks, wood, lights, flooring, plumbing fixtures, cabinets, toilets, tubs, doors - everything, including the kitchen sink.*

### CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility

*Accepts clothes, drapes, shoes, towels, sheets, belts, handbags, and material larger than 15" x 15" in area. Clothing & textiles must be clean, dry and in plastic bags.*

### SCRAP METAL/LARGE APPLIANCES RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility

*Accepts refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, window air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, and all items that are mostly metal.*

### COMPUTERS

At Public Unloading Facility

*Accepts monitors, P/C's, key boards, printers and most other computer equipment.*

### FREE MULCH

At Public Unloading Facility

Entrance off Route 355

Mulch produced from ground up brush is available at no charge. Load all you want yourself.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

All sites operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 4, 2001	Shady Grove Transfer Station
Sunday, November 18, 2001	Shady Grove Transfer Station
Sunday, December 2, 2001	Shady Grove Transfer Station

*Accepts insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents, pool chemicals, fuels, oil, photographic chemicals, oil-based paints, button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs (limit of 12 bulbs).*

### FURNITURE

The Housing Opportunities Commission will pick up any reusable furniture item in good condition, such as tables, chairs, sofas, beds, mattresses, and box springs. To arrange for pick up, please call 301-495-0983.

## SPECIAL DROP-OFFS

### ROCKVILLE AREA

Montgomery Scrap Corporation 301-424-3000  
15000 Southlawn Lane

*Buys back aluminum cans, scrap metal, other metals, and accepts appliances, including refrigerators. (With freon removed)*

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to noon.

Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville 301-762-6990  
14818 Southlawn Lane

Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Buys back aluminum cans in 10 lb. loads, white office paper and computer paper in 100 lb. loads (no newspaper) and accepts corrugated cardboard, mixed paper and paperboard.*

### SILVER SPRING AREA

Southeast Recycling Corp. 301-589-4002  
9001 Brookville Road

*Accepts newspapers, magazines and catalogs, telephone books, corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes.*

### GAITHERSBURG AREA

The City of Gaithersburg provides mixed paper and corrugated cardboard recycling for its residents. Call the Public Works Department at 301-258-6370 for more information.

Office Paper Systems 301-948-6301

7650 Airpark Road

Drop-off bin available 24 hours.

*Accepts all types of paper ("anything that tears").*

### WHITE OAK AREA

White Oak Boy Scout Troop 1086 301-622-1273

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Avenue

Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Accepts newspaper.*

### COLLEGE PARK AREA

University of Maryland Recycling Center 301-314-8345

Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive (near the intersection of Metzert Rd. and University Blvd.) Open 24 hours a day.

*Accepts white, colored, office and computer paper, corrugated and glossy cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper, clothing, telephone books, scrap metal, textbooks, aluminum foil, catalogs, and steel cans.*

### DAMASCUS AREA

St. Paul's Catholic Church 301-253-2027

9240 Damascus Road, Open 24 hours

*Accepts newspaper in bin behind church.*

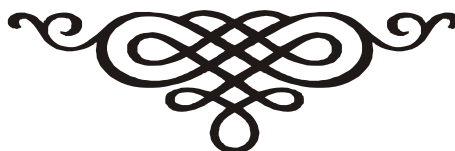
### POOLESVILLE AREA

Highway Services Depot, Jerusalem Road 240-777-7623

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Accepts used motor oil and antifreeze (up to 5 gallons of each).*



**Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program**  
**16101 Frederick Road**  
**Derwood, Maryland 20855**

**MONTGOMERY**  
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**RECYCLES**



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## ***Calendar of Events***

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program at 301-840-2852, or e-mail us at [Welchj@co.mo.md.us](mailto:Welchj@co.mo.md.us) - Visit [www.MCRecycles.org/volunteer](http://www.MCRecycles.org/volunteer) for the most current calendar.

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS**

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Collection volunteers direct traffic and hand out literature. Two shifts: 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Each site operates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See dates on page 7. This is a wonderful group activity. Please help us spread the word.

### **FAIRS AND FESTIVALS**

Saturday, November 17. America Recycles Day. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 850 Hungerford Dr. and the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Saturday, December 1. Montgomery County Holiday Parade. 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in downtown Silver Spring.